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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to the previous day. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were closely balanced and continued to be held with confidence. Breaking stock offerings were short of needs to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were reported as mostly normal to slightly reduced. Spent hens were mostly adequate for the at least moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as regular for the upcoming week.

*Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, White eggs in cartons, cents per dozen.*

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher for all sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged but were trending sharply higher for next week. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to fairly good and reported as slightly slower than earlier in the week. Food service sales were mostly moderate. Supplies remained in close balance for all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were short of needs to adequate with demand mostly light to instances moderate. Floor stocks closely balanced. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47-56	50-53
LARGE	46-55	48-51
MEDIUM	37-46	39-42

Prices delivered to store door:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	54-62	55-57
LARGE	52-60	53-55
MEDIUM	43-51	44-46

Midwest Area: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY & Western PA .

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged but were trending sharply higher for next week. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good and was reported as somewhat slower than earlier in the week. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies remained in close balance for all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were short of needs to adequate with demand mostly light to instances moderate. Floor stocks closely balanced. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	58.5-67	60-63
LARGE	56.5-65	58-61
MEDIUM	44.5-53	46-49

South Central Area: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, MN, OK & TX.

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and distributive demand were moderate to at times good. Supplies were usually sufficient for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to adequate for the moderate demand. Spent hen offerings were mostly adequate for normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51.25-62	56-59
LARGE	48.25-60	54-57
MEDIUM	38-48	41-45

Southeast Area: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN & Southern VA.

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment ranged steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were usually adequate for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to adequate for mostly normal to slightly reduced processing schedules. Demand was noted as moderate. Light type hens were mostly sufficient for the at least moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as regular for the upcoming week.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	56-70	56-59
LARGE	50-64	55-59
MEDIUM	39-52	44-46

Northeast Area: CT, DC, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, Eastern PA, RI, Northern VA, & VT.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged when compared to yesterday. Trade sentiment was steady to occasionally fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was mostly moderate to good. Supplies were usually adequate for immediate trade requirements.

Prices delivered to store door:

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	70-74
LARGE	68-72
MEDIUM	57-61

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 4 cents higher on jumbo, 6-7 cents higher on extra large, and 6 cents higher on large and medium. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings held confidently.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 4 cents higher on jumbo, 7 cents higher on extra large, and 6 cents higher on large, medium and small. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings held confidently. Small benchmark price 62.

**CALIFORNIA:** Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	108	EXTRA LARGE	101
LARGE	91	MEDIUM	82

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons, delivered store door, cents per dozen.

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	82-97	EXTRA LARGE	80-89
LARGE	78-81	MEDIUM	69-72

Prices to consumers major chains, metropolitan area, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons, cents per dozen.

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	259-309	EXTRA LARGE	219-289
LARGE	179-229	MEDIUM	179-199

**CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices continued higher. Offerings were short of needs to adequate with demand mostly light to instances moderate. Breakers continued to work from company owned production and regular commitments and slowed breaking when inventories were tight. Floor stocks closely balanced. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	34-36	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-25	21-23
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Mostly prices were 1 cent higher on nest run breaking stock and 2 cents higher on checks and undergrades when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was at least fully steady with offerings irregular but usually in a range of barely adequate to adequate for current needs. Demand was moderate. Breaking schedules were mostly normal to slightly reduced. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 22-Oct-2005 were 5% less than the previous week and 11% lower than a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	32-36	33-35
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	19-26	20-23
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV		

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -** W/E 22-Oct-05  
(Lbs. in Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Brkn	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Ined.
CW	1,355,495	34,198	11,910	6,599	3,328	4,645
PW	1,397,621	35,200	12,766	6,588	3,588	4,601
LY	1,355,557	32,095	13,447	7,200	2,479	4,710
% PW	-3%	-3%	-7%	0%	-7%	1%
% LY	0%	7%	-11%	-8%	34%	-1%
2005	55,262,698	1,307,103	538,710	288,554	124,580	186,492
2004	52,028,165	1,233,182	501,366	270,774	114,529	178,372
% YTD	6%	6%	7%	7%	9%	5%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	42.31	42.33	42.38
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	38.88	39.03	38.91

**IN-LINE PRODUCTION** (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	Cases Broken		Liquid whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	578,627	42.7%	16,336	47.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	595,439	42.6%	16,337	46.4%
LAST YEAR	514,782	38.0%	13,096	40.8%

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices 1 cent higher on whole, unchanged on whites and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 10/22 was 1% more than the previous week. Frozen demand improved with freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	55-59
WHITES	40-43
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	76-79
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	74-77

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg unchanged to 1 cent higher with whites unchanged. Sugared yolk prices were irregular with salted yolk 1 cent higher from last week's reported prices. Trade sentiment was at least steady for all frozen products. Demand was fair with most processors reporting spotty sales as buyers work from hand to mouth. Offerings were adequate. Floor stocks were in close balance to adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	RANGE	MOSTLY
TRUCKLOTS		
WHOLE	49-53	
WHITES	35-38	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	72-74	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	69-73	

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Majority prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to light. Offerings were sufficient for trade needs. Trade sentiment was fully steady on whole, and at least steady on other items. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 22-Oct-2005 were 4% less than the previous week, and 6% lower than a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN. 25 CONT.)	LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	44-53	48-52	54-59
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		62-85
WHITES	32-38	35-38	40-55
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	69-75	76-84	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	63-73	68-71	73-82

(/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

**NATIONAL DRIED** Mostly prices were unchanged on yolks and blends, balance of items were unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Trading was only fair with offerings generally adequate for trade needs. Trade sentiment was fully steady on albumen, and currently steady on other items. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 22-Oct-2005 were 7% less than the previous week, but 34% higher than a year earlier. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were up 9% over a year ago. Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, Trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.55-1.85	MOSTLY	1.60-1.70
YOLKS	1.50-1.85	MOSTLY	1.65-1.75
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.19-2.45	MOSTLY	2.22-2.35
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.29-1.50	MOSTLY	1.30-1.40

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 58 to 60 cents fob with pasteurized whites too few to report. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm for whole egg and whites while yolk was rated as steady. Demand was good to very good for whole egg and whites and light to moderate for yolk and reported as somewhat sluggish. Offerings were adequate for whole egg and yolk and tight to adequate, instances short of needs, for whites. Central States breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LW
WHOLE	23	33-37	34.35	1.18
WHITES	22	20-23	21.41	1.41
YOLKS	11	63.5-65.5	63.86	-.07

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES\*** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT 21, 2005-OCT 27, 2005

CURRENT LOADS 66.50 FUTURE LOADS 63.75 TOTAL LOADS 130.25

SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	38.17	41.20	40.75	41.50	42.00	42.00	18.00	GNR W 1	45.93	50.84	--	--	--	--	12.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	79.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	57.00	--	--	--	--	68.00	1.25
GL W J	--	--	59.00	60.50	52.00	57.00	1.75	GL W XL	51.00	55.67	--	--	--	63.03	10.50
GL W XL	58.00	56.89	51.77	52.85	42.95	48.50	47.25	GL W LG	--	58.64	--	--	57.29	61.71	21.75
GL W LG	--	54.43	45.14	48.25	49.11	--	30.00	GL W MD	40.63	--	--	--	45.00	46.83	10.00
GL W MD	42.00	43.00	41.17	42.67	34.23	--	9.25	NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00
GL W SM	--	--	27.13	29.00	--	--	4.00								
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	37.20	--	18.00								
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00								

\*Weighted average prices are listed for various classes priced by origin and/or destination for 6 regions. The loads column reflects total loads reported and includes loads with prices to be determined later. NRBS categories represent net weight-material may or may not be included. Load movement represents total movement within 6 regions.

**LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL

WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-13	8-9

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS** Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were as desired. Costs of disposal were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS** Prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate this week into traditional processors with offerings into rendering operations inadequate to tight. Offerings were tight to short for next week's deliveries. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-11	6-9

**WEST COAST LIGHT** Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings light.

**COMBINED REGIONAL SHELL EGGS**

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	57.50	57.00	45.00
SOUTHEAST	57.50	55.50	43.00
MIDWEST	51.50	49.50	40.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	61.50	59.50	47.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	57.20	55.56	44.16

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to no better than fair for light canners; fair to moderate at best for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were more than sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

**LIGHT CANNER HENS** **HEAVY CANNER HENS**  
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS** **HEAVY CANNER HENS**  
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

21-32 MAJORITY 26-27 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection**

W/E 22-Oct-05 (PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	Thousands		
Head	1,060	1,515	2,575
Last Week	1,322	1,501	2,823
Same week yr ago	1,462	1,501	2,963
To-date/2005	60,904	59,610	120,514
To-date/2004	57,341	57,025	114,366

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	Thousands		
Head	229	0	229
Last Week	197	2	199
Same week yr ago	379	20	399
To-date/2005	10,902	60	10,962
To-date/2004	10,250	118	10,368

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

**Total U.S. Fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	Thousands		
Head	1,289	1,515	2,804
Last Week	1,519	1,503	3,022
Same week yr ago	1,841	1,521	3,362
To-date/2005	71,806	59,670	131,476
To-date/2004	67,591	57,143	124,734

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 15, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	407	650	13,876	14,381
Frozen	0	0	130	11
Dried	69	0	648	589
Total	476	650	14,654	14,981

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 15, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	142	59	5,691	7,001
Frozen	0	0	708	1,447
Dried	0	0	371	1,853
Total	142	59	6,770	10,301

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 15, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	0	0	179	378
Extra Large	2,580	3,210	171,325	161,004
Large	6,879	20,368	269,567	348,781
Medium	2,550	3,096	88,969	107,035
Ungraded	5,220	7,446	155,134	261,828
Misc	0	0	8,053	16,790
Total	17,229	34,120	693,227	895,816

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	10/24/05	3,943	96,912	62,802
AM	10/01/05	3,350	115,061	55,027
CHG		593	-18149	7775
PCT CHG		18%	-16%	14%

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 22-Oct-2005	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	210.1	0	0
East North Central	624.8	2	14
West North Central	287.8	5	0
South Atlantic	198.1	-1	-11
South Central	62.9	5	-10
West	202.1	2	13
Total	1585.8	-1	5
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week	86
		Last year	84

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)  
 East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)  
 South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)  
 West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 22-Oct-2005

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
	(Thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	26.4	27.0	-2	-1
Boston	3.0	3.3	-9	-6
Chicago	91.3	95.4	-4	48
Detroit	30.1	23.2	30	12
Kansas City	4.7	2.9	62	124
Los Angeles	117.7	120.0	-2	24
New Orleans	5.6	5.7	-2	-35
New York	32.7	29.4	11	7
St. Louis	16.5	15.8	4	-8
San Francisco	19.6	18.7	5	3
Total	347.6	341.4	2	19
4 Week Moving Avg.	335.5			

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

Oct 25, 2005

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	113	103	75	43
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	106-110	97-101	68-72	35-39
MOSTLY	108-109	99-100	70-71	37-38
RHODE ISLAND	113-117	102-106	74-78	42-46
MOSTLY	113	102	74	42
VERMONT	115	105-106	75-77	-
MOSTLY	-	106	77	-

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